Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph regarding the Brief Description of the Drawings beginning on page 3, line 17 with the following paragraph:

FIG. 1 is a front perspective view of a medical device adapted for use in a medical device system according to the present invention;

FIG. 1A is a front perspective view of another medical device adapted for use in a medical device system according to the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a rear perspective view of one embodiment of the medical device system of this invention wherein two medical devices are joined together in side-by-side relationship;

FIG. 2A is a rear perspective view of another embodiment of the medical device system of this invention wherein two medical devices are joined together in side-by-side relationship;

FIG. 3 is an exploded perspective view of a clamping mechanism of the present invention;

FIG. 3A is a cross sectional side view of the clamping mechanism of the present invention taken along line 3A-3A in FIG. 3;

FIG. 4 is a partial rear exploded perspective view of the device of FIG. 2A;

FIG. 5 is a partial front exploded perspective view of the device of FIG. 2A; and

~~FIG. 5A is a partial front exploded perspective view of the device of FIG. 1, which is also the device on the right when viewed as in FIG. 2; and~~

FIG. 6 is an exploded perspective view of an alternative clamping mechanism of the present invention.

Please replace the paragraph on beginning on page 10, line 22 with the following paragraph:

As best seen in FIGS. 2A, 4 and 5, the medical device 14 includes a first matable element 102 positioned on the side wall 17R and a second matable element 104 positioned on the side wall 17L. The first matable element 102 is formed as a female T-slot in the housing 16A. The second matable element 104 is formed as a male T-slide attached to the housing 16A. Alternatively, the first matable element 102 is formed as a female dovetail in the housing 16A, and the second matable element 104 is formed a male dovetail attached to the housing 16A. Another alternative embodiment is to merely provide at least one of the opposite sides of the medical devices 14R, 14L with a matable element for detachably interconnecting to the matable element of the other medical device and attaching the first and second medical devices together. In other words, the unused matable elements in FIG 2A, 4, and 5 ~~and 5A~~ could be removed or omitted.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 31 with the following paragraph:

As best seen in FIGS. 1, 2 and 5, while the above system 10A for interconnecting medical devices is operable with any device 14 having the same interconnectable design, it is also designed to operate with a device 12 of system 10. ~~As best understood in view of FIGS 5 and 5A, t~~The portable medical device 12 includes some features similar to the device 14, so that the devices 12 and 14 can be joined together; however, several components found in the device 14 (latch port 107, transfer plate 110, blocking port 114, and release element 116) are not included in the device 12. This design permits a user to distinguish between the two devices 12, 14, prevents undesirable arrangements and combinations, and also reduces the manufacturing cost as well as improving the reliability of the device 12 as compared to the device 14.